

Appl. No. 10/665,176
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph under the section title "RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following amended paragraph:

-- This invention is a Continuation-In-Part of co-pending United States patent application [[no.]] Ser. No. 10/341,574, filed on January 13, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/002,641, filed Nov. 28, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,547,677, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/948,692, filed Sep. 10, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/172,608, filed Oct. 18, 1998, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,302,808, which is a division of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/943,932, filed Oct. 3, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,056,842, also a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 08,996,718, filed Dec. 23, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,124,389, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/746,362, filed Nov. 8, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,810,678, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/706,008, filed Aug. 30, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,813,923, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/603,057, filed Feb. 16, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,759,676, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/482,522, filed Jun. 7, 1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,688,191 also a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/630,387, filed Aug. 1, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/603,057, filed Feb. 16, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,759,676; also the application is and a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/815,753, filed Mar. 23, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,494,795, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety. --